

## TO AN OLD CYNIC.

Nay, come of your young days to state,  
When "twenty" marked the century's date!  
Lament, in "seventy-nine,"  
The girl to whom you vainly would preach,  
If she precise, their dress and speech,  
Are fully as divine!

Why still lament the bygone days?  
Are not our maidens still to praise,  
In spite of altered use?  
The cow! no more the monk, you know;  
Fair forms as trippingly may go  
In high heels as in shoes.

How quaint they showed! the short high waist,  
With kerchief over the bosom placed,  
And mittens long and prim;  
The feathered hat—scarce seen now,  
Which let the neck be shown,  
That decked those ankles trim.

The heart as fervently may beat  
As underneath a kerchief hid;  
When rays press tight upon it;  
Though hat and feather be gone,  
Bright eyes can shine, as frank and gay,  
Beneath a Paris bonnet.

Then cease your praise of olden times,  
And own the truth that urged these rhymes—  
Fair maidens there still are plenty!  
Their hearts as true, their deeds as good,  
As winning sweet their maidenhood,  
In "seventy-nine" as "twenty."  
—The Belgravia Annual.

## The Christmas Visitor.

"Don't know him," said Peter, after due examination.

"You don't recognize it? Why, Peter, that is your own likeness at the age of twenty-two."

"Me! That stuffy-headed chap! O, come now," said Peter, with a look of disgust.

"It is, indeed," said Miss Pamela. "And a very good likeness it was. Indeed, it is still, isn't it, Penelope? See, the very nose, and the self-same eyes."

"Probably, my dear!" said Miss Penelope, with her habitual air of gentle correction. "Foreign travel may alter people a good deal, but it generally leaves them in possession of the same nose and eyes. But I agree with you, that Peter's likeness to the portrait is very surprising. I should have recognized him anywhere."

"Fancy you not recognizing your own portrait, Peter?" said Miss Pamela. "However, you must surely recognize that other likeness (the one cut out of black paper, in profile) of our dear papa. Dear papa! What a vein of humor he had, hadn't he? Do you remember how he used to call Penelope and me (on account of our initials) his 'sweet P's', and my asking him what he would call Peter, as he was a P too. I think I see him now, as he answered with that ready wit of his, 'What, Peter! why green P—, of course!' And he broke out at intervals, all the rest of the evening: 'Ha, ha! Very good! Green P—, of course.'"

"I like peas," said Peter, altogether ignoring the late Mr. Pimpernel's little joke. "We don't get 'em over there, though; they're too expensive—it don't run to it."

"I dare say the living is rather different from what we get in dear old England," said Miss Penelope. This was partly in answer to Peter's last remark, and partly a commentary on his manner of feeding, which was somewhat peculiar. He was now eating shrimps with raspberry jam, and the sisters observed with surprise that it did not appear to be customary in India to remove their heads or tails.

At this moment a knock was heard at the front door, and presently the trim parlor-maid entered with a note upon a tray and a countenance brimful of some exciting intelligence.

"What is it, Susan?" said Miss Penelope, with dignity. "And how many times must I tell you never to come into a room without knocking?"

"O, please, mum, I'm very sorry; but I was so flustered I quite forgot it. It's the page boy from the 'sylum, mum; and one of them lunatics has escaped, and we shall all be murdered in our beds; and he's a taking of 'em round to all the houses in the village.'"

"Taking the lunatics round to all the houses in the village! What on earth does the girl mean?" said Miss Pamela. "Explain, girl, for goodness' sake, or I really think I shall shake you!"

"Lor no, mum, not the lunatics. Only letters a-telling everybody all about it, and the best way to catch 'em, and such-like."

"Peace, girl!" said Miss Penelope. "Give me the letter." And with the aid of her double eye-glass she read aloud as follows:

"THE PRISON, Dec. 23, 1873.

"Dr. Dollimore regrets to have to announce that one of the inmates of his establishment has escaped, and is supposed to be lurking in the immediate neighborhood. He is quite harmless; and it is requested that any one to whom he may address himself will have the kindness to detain him (which may easily be done by the offer of some slight refreshment), and at once communicate with Dr. Dollimore."

"Good gracious, Penelope!" exclaimed Miss Pamela, as her sister finished reading. "What a frightful state of things! A maniac wandering in our very midst!"

"No, Pamela," interposed her sister. "In the neighborhood, but not in our very midst."

"A maniac—a raving maniac! Good gracious, he may even now be on our door-step! And we are requested to offer him some slight refreshment. I'd refresh him, and Dr. Dollimore too, if I had him here."

"Hold, Pamela," said her sister, solemnly. "This is not a matter to be dealt with by two weak women. This is a matter for a man. Peter, we look to you. If this unhappy person should present himself within these peaceful walls, how would you advise us to act?"

Peter reflected.

"Give him some bread-and-jam and some shrimps, and while he's eating of 'em throw a blanket over his head and sit upon him. That's what I should do with him."

"What a thing it is to be a man!" said Miss Pamela. "How prompt, how vigorous, how much to the point! I'm afraid, though, we should have a difficult time of the sitting upon him. He might struggle, you know."

"I think we might manage," observed Miss Penelope. "Suppose we had Prodder, the gardener, ready behind the hall door to throw the blanket over his head, and then we could push him into the

china closet at the end of the passage, and lock him up till assistance arrived."

"Excellent Penelope; nothing could be better. But what a frightful experience for two defenceless females! Nay, not so! Peter, I beg your pardon. No longer defenceless since you are with us. My gallant brother!"

"O yes, I'm here; and I'm a-going to stop," said Peter.

"I must say I admire bravery in a man," said Miss Penelope. "Happily, women don't often need it. But there is no time to be lost. We had better have up the gardener at once."

No sooner said than done. The gardener was summoned, and was instructed as to the duty expected of him. Mr. Peter Pimpernel and himself, each armed with a large and heavy blanket, were to stand one on each side of the door, and in the event (which the sisters appeared to regard as a foregone conclusion) of a visit from the lunatic, they were simultaneously to make a swoop upon him with the blankets, throw them over his head, and hustle him off to the china closet. Here, however, an unexpected difficulty arose. Mr. Prodder seemed to hesitate as to undertaking the required duty. Miss Pamela's small figure appeared to grow almost gigantic as she inquired with withering scorn:

"What, afraid, Prodder? A man, and afraid!"

"Well, no, mum, it ain't exactly that; but I'm always a advocate for a man a-stickin' to his spear. Always stick to your proper spear, says I. Now it do strike me, axing your pardon, ladies both, that harpoonin' of lunatics is not exactly the proper spear of a gardener. Fruit or vegetables or flowers, or even a handy job about the house, I don't say nothin' of wotsomsoever; but when it comes to lunatics, why, it ain't a line of dooty that I lays myself out for, and I don't know that I feel equal to the undertakin' of it."

Here Mr. Prodder paused in a shamefaced manner, and rubbed his mouth pensively with the back of his hand. This last gesture was a ray of light. The sisters knew that it always indicated extreme thirst.

"I understand you, Prodder," said Miss Penelope, with cutting sarcasm. "Perhaps you would feel more equal to the occasion if you were permitted to gratify your morbid thirst for beer. Be it so. Susan, draw a jug of beer—a large jug."

"Two jugs," said Peter.

Mr. Prodder brightened visibly. And remarking "sotto voce" that it was a "rum start," but he "wasn't noways particular if there was a drop o' somethin' hanging to it," he betook himself to the kitchen till his services should be required, though with a private conviction that they were not likely to be wanted. In this, however, he was doomed to be mistaken; for scarcely had the two blankets been brought down-stairs and placed in the hall, than a rat-tat-tat of a timorous and uncertain character was heard at the front door. Miss Pamela remarked that she should know that was a lunatic's knock anywhere. Peter and the gardener took up their respective corners and spread their blankets before them. The gardener's face wore its usual expression of beery apathy, as though capturing lunatics was as everyday an occupation as potting geraniums. Peter's, on the contrary, wore an expression of mischievous amusement.

Susan opened the door. A smart-looking, elderly gentleman, in a white hat and waistcoat and with a flower in his button-hole, said:

"This is the Misses Pimpernel's, I think?" and stepped jauntily into the hall.

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**The Negroes and the Readjusters.**  
[Richmond (Va.) Dispatch.]

In an interview between a member of the Legislature and a reporter of the Virginia Star (published and edited by negroes) the legislator is reported as having said what follows:

Member—We shall get many of the Judgeships. We shall get colored men placed on the jury. We shall have colored men appointed as clerks in the basement offices, clerks and watchmen at the Penitentiary, colored policemen, and many other places which it will be in the power of the Readjusters to help us to. Besides, there is much more to be done, and will be done, which you will learn in due season. I have told you this much that it might be published to the people at large, and that they may be encouraged. We also intend to repeal many of the obnoxious laws now on the statute books.

The negro tells what his race has been promised as a reward for their votes. Let the white people read it and govern themselves accordingly.

**The Chief Justice of South Carolina.**  
[Charleston (S.C.) News.]

The term of office of Governor Simpson as Chief Justice will begin on August 1, 1880, until which time he will continue, we presume, to fill the office of Governor. Senator Jeter, the present President pro tem. of the Senate, will then become Governor for the unexpired term. Should Governor Jeter, as is unlikely, accept any other office during the few months of his term, he will be succeeded by Mr. Speaker Sheppard. As Governor, the Hon. W. D. Simpson has been liberal, firm and faithful, and it is with some regret that we abandon the hope that he would be his own successor. He declined to be, under any circumstances, a candidate for re-election, preferring the serene atmosphere of the Supreme Court to the heated air and fierce currents of political life. In his new and elevated position he will display the social merit which marked his career as Lieutenant Governor, and dignifies his course as Governor of the State.

**A Lady's Wish.**  
"Oh, how I do wish my skin was as clear and soft as yours," said a lady to her friend. "You can easily make it so," answered the friend. "How?" Inquired the first lady. "By using Hop Bitters, that makes pure blood and blooming health. It did it for me, as you observe." Read of it.

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